

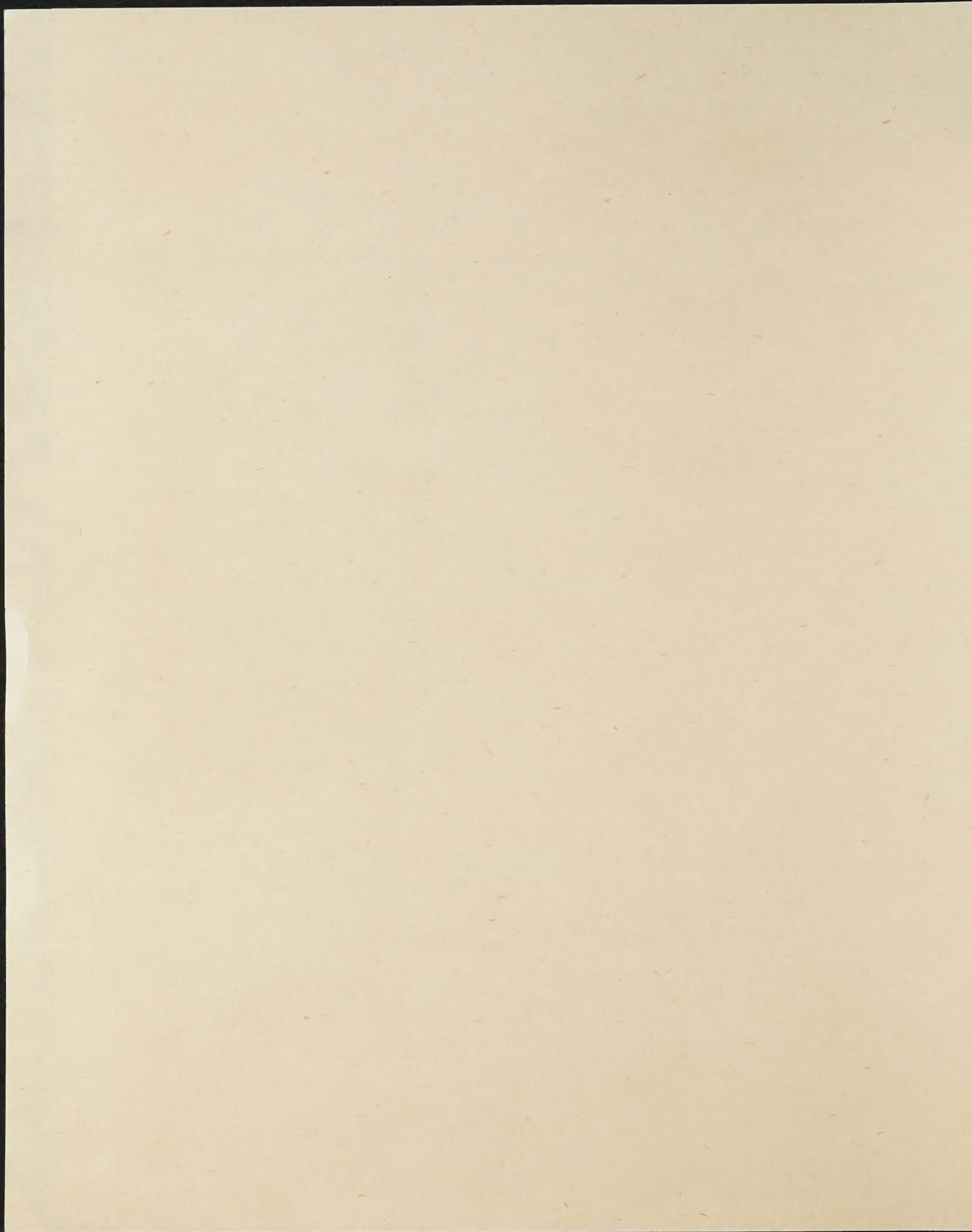
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10987-125 St.

Edmonton, Alberta,

Oct. 29 '18.

Sir Robert Falconer,
President of University of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont.,

Dear Sir;

Those interested in education in the Province of Alberta have organized an association called "The Alberta Educational Association", similar to the C. E. A. of Ontario. We purpose holding our Tenth Annual Meeting at Calgary during Easter week. At each of these meetings we endeavor to have the assistance of some man prominent in educational affairs, and this year we would prefer a prominent Canadian.

Will you consider coming to assist us? If possible for you to do so, I can assure you it will give pleasure to many of our members who are from Ontario and several of them graduates of the University of Toronto. We would require four addresses at the Convention, one of which would be a popular address at an open meeting to be held in the evening; the other three should be on educational topics, There were over

twelve hundred in attendance at the meeting last year, and we expect to equal that number at our next meeting.

Will you kindly let me know as soon as possible whether you will be free to be with us or not, and, if you will, what financial consideration you will expect from us, in order that I may bring the matter before the executive of the Association which I expect will meet in about two weeks.

Yours sincerely,

J. G. Taylor (Jr)

President A. E. A.

10987-125 St.

Edmonton, Alberta,

Nov. 13 '18.

Sir Robt. A. Falconer;
Univ of Toronto,
Toronto, Ont;

Dear Sir;

Your telegram of Nov. 11th. delivered this morning and in reply say that owing to the epidemic of Influenza ~~in~~ this Province, we are unable to hold a meeting of the Executive of the Association as the order of Health Department forbids a gathering of over 7 persons. Until we hold a meeting I cannot definitely complete the arrangement, although personally I desire to do so at once.

We would like the evening address to occupy one hour or if you wish there is no objection to it being longer. The other three would be from 30 to 45 minutes in length, as the subjects chosen requires. One of the three may be for the Trustees Section. Will write as soon as we have our Executive meeting.

Yours sincerely,
H. Taylor.

10987-125th St.
Edmonton, Alberta,
Mar. 10 1919.

Sir Robt. E. Falconer,
President of Toronto University
Toronto - Ontario.

Dear Sir;

At a meeting of the executive of the Alberta Educational Association held on Saturday last, it was decided to postpone the Easter meeting until Easter week of 1920. We are very sorry not to have you with us this year, but hope that ~~we~~ may have the pleasure next year. I just heard to-day that you were intending to come to Edmonton while in the West and ~~visit~~ the graduates of Toronto who are here. It is too bad to disappoint you and deprive us of the enjoyment of your visit, but if I give an explanation you will understand our position.

In Alberta, the Government does not give the teachers Easter week as

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a holiday as in Ontario. It is left to the teachers to choose between attending the Convention or teaching during the four days following Easter. If the teacher attends the Convention he receives his pay and the School Board receives the Government grant for those days. This year, on account of the ~~epidemic~~ Influenza the schools have been closed from two to three months and the school work is very much behind. The School Boards, the Department, and many of the teachers are anxious to keep the schools open as many days as possible during the rest of the term. In the face of these facts the executive felt that our attendance would be too small to make it a success.

We desire to carry out the programme arranged for this year in 1920, and will be especially pleased if you will arrange to be with us next year.

Yours sincerely,

J. G. Taylor,

President A. E. C.

March 17th, 1919

J. H. Taylor, Esq.,
10987 - 125th Street,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Mr. Taylor:

I have already received from Mr. Spicer a letter in which he stated that owing to the severe influenza and other ailments which he has suffered from you had decided not to hold the meeting of the Alberta Educational Association this year. I regret for your own sake that such a policy has been necessary, but fully realize what a severe ordeal you have gone through in the past. I am sure that you have completed my arrangements it has really not caused me any inconvenience to myself. I am sorry not to be able to meet you this year as I had hoped during this spring vacation. I shall have to postpone this for some future date. I regret also that it is improbable that I shall be able to accept your invitation to go next spring. I cannot in any case make any arrangements as far ahead, but such as are being arranged in my mind seem to preclude the possibility of my going. I am sure you will understand the necessary conditions. I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.